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## \$1.5 Billion Pentagon Plan For Complexes Here Told

over the next 15 years which will outgrowth of a September 1969 reduce military enclaves in the request from President Johnson

holdings and eliminate small Bolling over to the city for lowand often outmoded offices now cost housing. scattered throughout Washington and the suburbs, relies heavily on use of the three or

Military planners say they such as the Naval Intelligence have agreed with the District of facility on Massachusetts Ave-Columbia to retain the Anacos-nue NW and offices in tempotia-Bolling complex area as part of the proposed consolidation. In recent years District officials have publicly hoped that the Pen tagon would turn over a large amont of the World War II air base to the city for a possible new-town complex similar to Fort Lincoln.

## City Pleased

But yesterday James Banks, the mayor's top housing official, confirmed that the city is pleased with the idea of turning Anacostia-Bolling into a Defense Department center which would provide j or people living in southeast in ing ton and southeast

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The Pentagon has disclosed a s1.5 billion construction program for Washington-area facilities a facilities for Washington-area facilitie area from 88 to 23.

The study, which seeks to consolid at e defense department emphasis on turning Anacostia-

## **Extremely Inefficient**

Written by a panel of Navy four big military installations planners, the plan would close small military installations,

By CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT | would contribute to the city's rary buildings, in favor of more conomy. | city's rary buildings, in favor of more unified groupings.

Cmdr. Allen Boothe told the planning commission yesterday that 22 percent of the 62 million square feet occupied by the military in the area is unsatisfactory because of age and poor conditions and that much of the layout was "extremely inefficient" because of scattered buildings and widely separated operations.

The plan, which advocates spending about \$100 million a year for new Defense Departmen installations in the area, relies heavily on provisions of a new Defense Office Building—
"the Little Pentagon"—being considered by Congress. Also high on the list of existing facilities to be expanded is the Navy Yard.

The 170-year-old Navy Yard once planned as a federal office center, would be retained in the military to be used for large office complex.

Boothe and the Navy planners stress that their plan seeks to keep military encroachment on the city to a minimum, removing as little space from the tax rolls as possible and trying to withdraw military installations from scattered sites in residential neighborhoods.

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